IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

-v- **Case No. 3:15-cr-30176-DRH-1**

HAMZA L. NIJMEH,

Defendant.

MINUTES OF CHANGE OF PLEA HEARING

PRESIDING: Hon. David R. Herndon, U.S. District Judge

DATE: January 25, 2017 **PLACE:** East St. Louis, Illinois

COURT REPORTER: Laura Esposito **COURTROOM DEPUTY:** Alex Francis

COUNSEL FOR GOVERNMENT: Chris Hoell

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT: Jim Gomric **TIME:** 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

Defendant and counsel appear in open court as noted above. Defendant sworn. Court made inquiries of Defendant and finds that the Defendant is capable of entering a plea. Defendant waives reading of the Indictment. Defendant advised of constitutional rights. Defendant advised of charges and penalties. The Court notes that Defendant's supervised release is not less than five years instead of not more than five years as indicated in the Government's Elements of the Offense Charged.

Defendant withdraws plea of not guilty as to Counts 1 & 2 and enters a plea of guilty as to Counts 1 & 2 of the Indictment.

Court accepts plea of guilty. Defendant is adjudged guilty of Counts 1 & 2 of the Indictment. Matter referred to U.S. Probation for pre-sentence investigation and report. Sentencing set for Friday, **May 11, 2017, at 9:00 AM** before U.S. District Judge David R. Herndon in East St. Louis, IL. Defendant is continued on bond with the same conditions of release previously imposed.